

Application No. 10/088,237

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 5 is amended.

Applicants express their gratitude for the indication of allowance of claims 1-4 and 10-23.

35 U.S.C. § 113 Rejection

Claim 5 was rejected as "handle" was lacking antecedent basis. Claim 5 has been amended deleted handle and inserting "first actuation portion" in its place.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) and (e) Rejection

Claim 5 was rejected under 102(b) and (e) as anticipated by Nyseth (5,711,427) and Nyseth (5,915,562), particularly in view of Fig. 15.

Although the rejection is traversed, new limitations to Claim 5 have been added to more particularly distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. "Mechanism covers" have been added with "a gap" between the mechanism covers' peripheries and the door enclosure and "slots" in the mechanism covers providing access for cleaning and drying of the latching mechanisms. It is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not disclose or suggest such.

Antecedent basis for the slots and gap is found in Figs. 5,7,8, and 9.

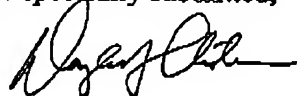
In that independent claim 5 should now be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims 6-8 should also be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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